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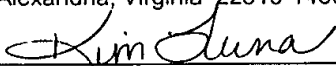
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Attached hereto is a response to Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed November 26, 2003. The entire claims section is being re-submitted to show that each claim is now an original claim.

- 1) The claims are on pages 2 - 12
- 2) The conclusion is found on page 13